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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 25.01.2023 for the offences punishable under Sections 341 & 506(ii) of IPC and Section 11(iv) r/w 12 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Section 67 of Information Technology Act, in Crime No.11 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner induced the daughter of the de-facto complainant/victim, aged about 16 years and had taken the photograph with her and uploaded it in social media. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned Counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that he will abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court. He would also submit that the petitioner has been suffering incarceration from 25.01.2023. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner taking advantage of the acquaintance with the victim girl had taken selfie with her and uploaded it in the Social media. He would also submit that 164 statement also recorded. He would further submit that the investigation is not yet completed and it is in preliminary stage, if the petitioner is granted bail at this stage, then there will be possibility of tampering the witnesses and hampering the investigation and Hence, he vehemently opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the stage of investigation, possibility of abscondance and also considering the gravity of the offence, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Hence, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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